



## **Department of Fish and Game News Release**

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### **2005/2006 Waterfowl Hunting Opportunities for Eden Landing Ecological Reserve**

The Department of Fish and Game will be providing several waterfowl hunting opportunities on a portion of the 6381-acre Eden Landing Ecological Reserve (ELER). ELER is composed of former industrial salt ponds currently managed as low salinity ponds to provide waterbird habitat. Public access to ELER is currently limited to the public lottery waterfowl hunts. Drive-on and walk-on access to ELER for waterfowl hunting will be by permit only on the specified dates. A boat or a dog for retrieval will be necessary in the salt ponds for successful hunting due to site conditions.

Access for hunting will occur on 4 weekends and two weekdays. Fifty permits will be drawn for each of these 1-day hunts and each permit is good for two (2) hunters. Junior hunters must possess a junior hunting license, and can take either another licensed junior hunter or a licensed adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Vehicle access for the purpose of launching boats for waterfowl hunting will only be allowed on the hunt date. To apply for one of these hunts, applicants need to submit a self-addressed envelope and a letter or postcard with the hunter's name, address, telephone number and hunting license number to:

California Department of Fish & Game  
20 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100  
Monterey, CA 93940  
ATTN: (Desired Month/date) ELER Hunt

Applicants may only submit a single application for each hunt period and applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. Applications received late, incomplete, or without a self-addressed envelope will not be considered in the draw. Successful applicants will receive additional information, including maps and special regulations, prior to their hunt. A first-come, first-served wait line will be offered to claim any no-show reservations on each hunt date.

The first November hunt date will be Saturday, November 5, 2005. Applications must be received by October 3. The next November hunt date will be Thursday, November 17, 2005. Applications must be received by October 17.

The first December hunt date will be Saturday, December 3, 2005. Applications must be received by November 3. The next December hunt date will be Saturday, December 17, 2005. Applications must be received by November 16.

The first January 2006 hunt date will be Wednesday, January 11, 2006. Applications must be received by December 9, 2005. The last January hunt date will be Saturday, January 21, 2006. Applications must be received by December 20.

Formal plans for public access opportunities at ELER in addition to hunting are being developed as part of the South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project ([www.southbayrestoration.org](http://www.southbayrestoration.org)).